

Claims

1. A collapsible saddle box adapted to be erected and suspended from spaced apart pickup truck sidewalls above a bed of a pickup truck, said collapsible saddle box comprising:

an upper housing extending a length sufficient to bridge the space between the spaced apart sidewalls of a pickup truck for support thereby above the pickup truck bed;

a lower housing adapted to extend from and be supported by said upper housing when in a first extended position relative to said upper housing; and

said lower housing adapted to telescope into said upper housing such that substantially all of said lower housing is positioned within said upper housing when in a second collapsed position.

2. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 1 further including means for retaining said lower housing in said first extended position relative to said upper housing.

3. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 1 further including a frame carried by a bottom portion of said upper housing and extending outwardly therefrom; and

said frame including upper housing retaining means for retaining said lower housing in said first extended position relative to said upper housing.

4. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 3 wherein said lower housing includes lower housing retaining means for engaging said upper housing retaining means for retaining said lower housing in said first extended position relative to said upper housing.

5. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 3 wherein said upper housing retaining means comprises a flange extending from at least a portion of said frame.

6. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 5 wherein said flange is turned inwardly toward the interior of said upper housing.

7. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 6 wherein said flange extends about the periphery of said frame.

8. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 4 wherein said lower housing retaining means comprises a flange extending outwardly from an open top of said lower housing into an interfering relationship with said upper housing retaining means when said lower housing is in said first extended position.

9. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 8 wherein said upper housing retaining means and said lower housing retaining means are formed in complementary engaging shapes.

10. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 2 wherein said means for retaining said lower housing in said first extended position prevents said lower housing from being completely withdrawn outwardly from said first housing when in said first extended position.

11. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 1 further including a removable top for closing said upper housing.

12. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 11 further including lock means for selectively securing said top to said upper housing.

13. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 1 wherein said lower housing includes at least one access door formed therein to facilitate access to the interior thereof.

14. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 1 wherein said upper housing includes a carriage with rollers for mounting said collapsible saddle box in a guideway for movement along the sidewalls of a pickup truck.

15. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 14 further including guideway forming means adapted to receive said rollers for movement of said upper housing along the sidewalls of a pickup truck;

16. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 15 wherein said guideway means comprises;

an L-shaped bracket adapted to be secured to one of a pair of spaced sidewalls which defines in part the bed of a pickup truck;

said L-shaped bracket having a first horizontally extending leg adapted to be secured to one of a pair of spaced sidewalls in a plane parallel to the bed of a pickup truck;

said L-shaped bracket having a second vertically extending leg depending from said first horizontally extending leg in a downward direction into the bed of a pickup truck; and

said second vertically extending leg having an opening formed therein for receiving said rollers for freely sliding said collapsible saddle box along said guideway.

17. The collapsible saddle box of Claim 16 wherein said second vertically extending leg portion converges inwardly toward an opposed sidewall which defines in part the bed of a pickup truck at an angle of convergence equal to an angle of divergence between the opposed sidewalls.